of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region. It is however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country including Punjab subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.

Investment in aviation sector

2594. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian aviation sector requires about Rs.1,50,000 crores for airport construction in next ten years and another Rs.2,00,000 crores investment in aircraft fleet for the next ten years;

(b) whether there will be huge investment required in aviation sector by 2020;

(c) if so, what are main decisions taken in this regard and how Government is likely to get this amount so that our airports are developed properly; and

(d) whether aviation industry faces problem of developing infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) There is no such estimation made. However, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has plan to incur expenditure of Rs.12434 crores for modernisation of airports and air traffic services across the country during XIth Five Year Plan period (2007-2012) which will be financed mainly through internal resources and borrowings.

(d) In order to conform to the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) guidelines, additional land is to be acquired by the State Government for development of airport infrastructure. Acquisition of land is not always feasible and this creates hurdles in development of the airport.

Competency of SIU

2595. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Staff Inspection Unit (SIU) has core competency to conduct objective assessment of work load in all departments/Ministries of Government which vary from Science and Technology, Defence, Paramilitary, Health, Education etc.;

(b) whether SIU personnel assigned to conduct work studies are recruited on basis of their competency in Human Resources/ Defence/Science /Medical/ Education;

(c) if so, the details of recruitment procedure alongwith qualifications required for selection in SIU;

(d) if not, whether it is *ad hoc* arrangement with personnel taken on deputation from other departments without any specific competency; and